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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the June 27, 2002 Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Fourth amendment) Joint arrangement for a surface structure, which surface structure, together with one or several other surface structures, is intended for temporarily protecting and covering a ground surface, each surface structure having a) one or more corners, b) at least one joint arrangement for removable attachment of one or several adjacent surface structures, and c) thermal insulation (1) that comprises at least one essentially plastic based thermal insulation layer (1'), and wherein the joint arrangement comprises a joint piece (x), that is to be coupled by means of a locking assembly (y), for coupling of the adjacent surface structures with each other essentially by the corners of the surface structures, which joint piece (x) comprises a right-angled frame part defining one or more corners, and wherein the locking assembly (y) has projections (y1) placed at the corners of the frame part and recesses (y2) of the same shape that are placed

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